

Gulfshore Ready For Evangelistic Conference



Dr. Homer Lindsey



Rev. Jack Stanton

Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, badly damaged by Hurricane Betsy in September of last year, will be ready for the State Evangelistic Conference to be held Feb. 7-9, according to Rev. Tom Douglas, assemblies manager.

Rebuilding and refurbishing has been underway since soon after the hurricane struck and the evangelistic conference will be the first meeting for the assembly since it was damaged.

Mr. Douglas pointed out that all rebuilding and refurbishing will not be completed by the time of the conference but sufficient renovation has been done to adequately care for the meeting.

The conference will begin Monday evening at 7 o'clock under direction of Dr. L. Gordon Sansing, Jackson, secretary of evangelism.

More than 1000 Mississippi Baptist pastors and other church and associational leaders are expected to attend.

The featured inspirational speaker Monday evening will be Dr. Robert E. Naylor, president of Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Ft. Worth, Texas, whose subject will be "A Compassionate Leadership—A Necessity."

Bible study at each session will be led by Dr. V. L. Stanfield, professor of preaching at New Orleans Baptist Sem-

nary. Dan C. Hall, state Baptist music director, will lead conference music with the organist to be John Bos, of Orlando, Fla.

The conference theme will

be "A Church Proclaiming and Witnessing."

Tuesday morning's session will include two major addresses, one by Rev. Jack Stanton, associate in Division of Evangelism of Southern

Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta, on the subject of "The Theology of Proclaiming and Witnessing."

The other will be by Dr. E. J. Daniels, well-known Baptist evangelist of Orlando,

Fla., on the subject of "Sav-

ing Faith." Tuesday afternoon's session will feature two addresses, "Information and Method Related to Proclamation and Witnessing," by Mr. Stanton

and "Person to Person Wit-

nessing" by Dr. Naylor. Tuesday night's meeting will include a message on "The Holy Spirit and Effective Preaching" by Dr. Dan-

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DIRKSEN VOWS— School Prayer Issue Reopened

WASHINGTON (BP)—Senate minority leader, Sen. Everett M. Dirksen (R., Ill.) has announced he will lead a move in the United States Senate to reverse the Supreme Court's decisions on prayer in public schools.

His announcement was made in speeches here before the National Limestone Institute and the Washington Chapter of Sigma Delta Chi, a professional journalism fraternity.

In response to questioning by newsmen Dirksen refused to reveal what his specific proposals in the Senate might be.

Efforts in 1964 in the House of Representatives to pass the so-called "Becker Amendment" for religious exercises in public schools failed after five weeks of hearings before the House Judiciary Committee. The majority of the nation's religious leaders who voiced their views at that time opposed any tampering with the First Amendment of the Constitution which forbids an establishment of religion and prohibits government from interfering with the free exercise of religion.

Some Washington observers close to Dirksen report the

Senator's "political antenna" is very sensitive and he feels this issue will evoke a great public response. The Republican party in the last presidential campaign included a plank in its platform asking for a prayer amendment to the Constitution.

This move by Sen. Dirksen is the second attack on recent Supreme Court decision he is leading in the Senate. The other is the ruling of the Supreme Court decision he is leading in the Senate. The other is the ruling of the Supreme Court that all citizens in the United States are entitled to equal representation in government. Dirksen is leading the move to adopt a constitutional amendment to reverse the legislative "re-apportionment" decision of the Supreme Court.

In his speech the Senator said, "I'm not going to let nine men say to 190 million

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N. Y. Lottery Vote Expected

ALBANY (RNS) — New York State's citizens are almost certain to vote in November on whether they approved the establishment of a state-maintained lottery.

Proponents claim that a lottery system could net \$400 million annually for state aid to education.

Opposition in New York has long been led by the New York State Council of Churches. Until fairly recently Republican legislators were allied against lottery proposals.

Collapse of GOP opposition was confirmed by the Senate majority leader, Earl W. Brydges. He said there would be "no Republican position" on the lottery bill offered by Democrats. Although he was opposed to a lottery and would vote against the measure, he would not exert pressure on colleagues to follow his lead.

Last year, during debate, Sen. Brydges had questioned the morality of using a gambling device to finance public schools. "But I don't think my vote will influence anyone," he said here. "It didn't last year."

In 1965 the Assembly voted, 116 to 18, and the Senate, 35 to 18, to endorse a constitutional amendment legalizing lottery and presenting it before the public for approval or rejection. Under the state law, two consecutive legis-

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BAPTIST BOYS from every section of south Mississippi were present for the regional Young Men's Christian Life Conference held at Magnolia Street Church in Laurel Jan. 28. A section of dining hall is seen in photo above.

Young Men's Meeting Held In Laurel



TWO BOYS from Collins, David O'Brien (left) and John Sanford, were among early registrants, with Jerry Lyall, student at Mississippi College, at registration table. Looking on are P. Gilbert, missionary to Ecuador, program personality.



DICK BROWN, student at Mississippi College, shows cello that he played on program to several present. From left: Jimmy Byrd and Stephen Breland, from Leakesville, Mr. Brown; Rev. Curtis Askew, missionary to Japan, on program, and Rev. Elmer Howell, secretary of Brotherhood Department, sponsoring agency.

PR Workers To Meet In State In 1967

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (BP)—The Baptist Public Relations Association meeting here for its 12th annual workshop, elected David A. Morris of Montgomery, Ala. as its new president. Morris is Public Relations Director for the Alabama Baptist Convention.

Other officers for the Public Relations group elected here included Joe Abrams, Director of Mississippi Baptists' News Service as program vice-president; John Boskas of the Southern Baptist Annuity Board in Dallas, as membership vice-president; Floyd H. North of Richmond, Va., editor of the Commission as secretary-treasurer;

and Dick McCartney, Texas Baptist Public Relations Director as SBC inter-agency council representative.

Floyd Craig, Communications Director for Oklahoma Baptist, was re-elected as editor of the association's newsletter.

The Baptist Public Relations workers voted to hold their 1967 session at Edgewater Park, Mississippi and to meet following the Religious Public Relations Council sessions in St. Louis, Mo. in 1968.

Members of the association meeting here grappled with

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N.C. Board Plans Study

RALEIGH, N.C. (BP) — The General Board of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina adopted here a study by seven Baptist colleges in North Carolina, outlining in detail the basis for the convention's higher education programs.

Ben C. Fisher, executive secretary of the convention's Council on Christian Education, said in presenting the study: "We do not believe that God is dead and we must take serious issue with those who do."

"Among other things, the study reaffirms the belief in a personal, living, loving God who has created and who sustains this universe," said Fisher.

Fisher said the study was significant in view of its theological presuppositions which contrast with the highly-publicized statements of a few protestant theologians who claim that God is dead.

The study discusses five different areas: the theological basis for Christian higher education, the educational program, faculty salaries and fringe benefits, the trustee, and support of students studying for church-related vocations.

Written by faculty members at seven North Carolina Baptist colleges, the study reaffirms the principles of a Christian college but points to the need for change in the practices encountered by church-related institutions.

Roberts Succeeds Jones As Editor Of S.C. Paper

GREENVILLE, S.C. (BP) — S. H. Jones, editor of The Baptist Courier since 1948 will retire March 1. Succeeding him will be John E. Roberts, who joined the staff last July 1 as associate editor and business manager.

Announcement of the change appears in the Jan. 27 issue of the Courier, along with the statement of the board of trustees and an editorial comment on his plans by Jones.

"I have been contemplating this move for several months," said Jones, "but I did not want to announce it until near the actual date."

A native of South Carolina, Jones was president of Southwest Baptist College, Bolivar, Mo. before assuming the Courier editorship. Prior to that, he held pastorates in Mississippi and Alabama and was a professor at Judson College (Baptist), Marion, Alabama.

Roberts was editor of Charity and Children, publication of the Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina for five years before moving to the Baptist Courier. He is a native of Shelby, N. C. and a graduate of Gardner-Webb College (Baptist), Boiling Springs, N. C., Furman University (Baptist), Greenville, S. C., and holds the master of arts degree from George Peabody College, Nashville, Tenn. Trained and experienced in religious journalism, Roberts was director of public relations at Gardner-Webb for six years before becoming editor of Charity and Children in 1960.

States Receive \$100 Million In Textbooks

WASHINGTON (BP) — Plans for the distribution of \$100 million to states for textbooks and library materials for public and private school pupils are well underway, according to Harry L. Phillips, an administrator of the federal program.

The story was developed by Gerald Grant, staff writer for the Washington Post. A Baptist Press call to Phillips confirmed the correctness of the following information. (Later the findings of a more detailed study by the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs will be released.)

To date, 42 states have submitted plans for sharing textbooks as provided under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965. Of these plans, 19 have been fully approved by the U. S. Office of Education.

Oklahoma has been the only state to refuse to distribute books to Catholic school children. The State Constitution has been interpreted as prohibiting this practice.

As a result the U. S. Office of Education will designate a private agency within the state to allocate about \$50,000 worth of books to 113 private schools in Oklahoma. The cost of administering this pro-

gram will be deducted from the state's allotment.

Flexibility has been practiced by the states in their efforts to be fair to private school pupils, according to Phillips.

For instance, the law requires that the books used by parochial school pupils must be approved by the public agency. But only about 10 states have interpreted this narrowly, publishing a list from which the parochial schools must choose books.

Virginia has adopted this method, but North Carolina follows a more common pattern.

In North Carolina, the public agency reviews the re-

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SEMINARY PROF SAYS PASTORS PROMOTERS

NEW ORLEANS (BP)—Today's pastors have become promoters who keep organizational machinery in action and are too busy for study and prayer to make preaching primary in their ministries.

So said V. L. Stanfield in a faculty address at New Orleans Baptist Seminary here.

Stanfield, in his major academic presentation as a professor at New Orleans Seminary, said that the "primacy of preaching has become a common cliché in Southern Baptist ministerial circles."

"While pastors generally believe in the centrality of preaching, they cannot do

not have sufficient time for study and prayer to make it primary in their ministries," he said.

Stanfield contended that preaching has become only the religious term for "public speaking with a religious flavor" in the minds of many men.

"In reality," he said, "preaching is not a specialized public speech; it is not talk about God. Preaching is God talking; and the preacher's only justification for speaking is that he speaks for God," he said.

Defining preaching as an act of worship, the seminary professor said that worship is

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Arkansas Church Continues Giving To Missions

RUSSELLVILLE, Ark. (BP) —The First Baptist Church here voted unanimously to continue giving its missions contributions through the Arkansas Baptist State Convention budget plan even though messengers from the church were denied seats at the Arkansas convention last November.

The convention, after lengthy debate, refused to seat the church's messengers because the church accepted members from non-Baptist denominations without re-baptizing them.

Earlier, the Dardanelle-Russellville Baptist Association had withdrawn fellowship from the church because of its policy of receiving new members and observance of the Lord's Supper.

In a business session Jan. 19, the Russellville church decided unanimously to continue sending 15 per cent of its annual \$74,000 budget to support state and Southern Baptist Convention causes through the Cooperative Program budget plan.

One day following the church's action, Pastor Charles B. Thompson presented a check for \$4,440 to

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Child Development Conferences Planned



Harold Fisher

A series of five regional Child Development conferences will be held in north Mississippi the week of Feb. 28 - March 4.

These conferences are for those who work with children eight years of age and under.

The principal speaker at each conference will be Harold Fisher, president of Blue Mountain College, but formerly superintendent of elementary education in division of instruction of the State Department of Education.

Conference leaders will be Dr. Edith Burney, children's director of First Church, New Orleans, who will lead Nursery workers; Miss Cosette

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IN EQUATORIAL BRAZIL—

Testimonies Of Faith

By Richard E. Walker
Missionary to Brazil

Let me relate some of the joys we have in sharing Christ with those around us in Equatorial Brazil.

It took five days in the mission boat to reach the little village of Fernandes. We discovered there had never been an evangelical service in Fernandes, though some of the villagers had attended Baptist churches elsewhere at one time or another. After talking a little while, we set a time for preaching that night.

The sermon, "The Love of Christ," based on John 13:1-5, was simple in word and thought. When the message was finished and the people's questions about salvation had been answered, an invitation was given for any who wished to accept Christ as Saviour. It was not just an invitation to lift a hand, but a call for complete surrender by word and by standing before the group as a testimony of faith.

Every person there over the age of 14 professed faith in Christ—though some had never heard the news of salvation until that day.

On the way back down river we stopped to visit a crente

(believer) named Adao (Adam). There used to be a church where he lives, but for several years no one had been there to help the congregation and consequently they had stopped holding services.

We noticed some tile for the little church building. When questioned, Adao said he had bought it.

Mind you, he earns about 50 cents to a dollar a week, if that much, lives at least 100

miles by river from the nearest town, and has only a canoe in which to travel. But this is what he said: "God is not going to let me die until our church is living again." And he believes that strongly enough to buy tile for the roof.

Holding a prayer service in Adao's home, we felt we were receiving a far greater blessing than we had brought by our visit.

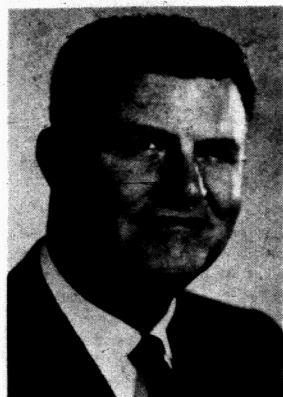
As we continued our journey the starter of our boat broke, forcing us to hitch a ride—or pull—the rest of the way home to Manaus, about 400 miles. But God is able to use any situation to his glory.

Given a pull by a rather large riverboat, I asked the captain if we could conduct a service, and he consented. The next morning we read and explained the third chapter of John and gave an invitation. Five adults responded.

When the gospel is preached in this area, you usually can see at least a few and often a good number of people whose expressions reveal that the message they are hearing is just what they have been looking for all their lives. Sometimes it is difficult to wait to give an invitation. But you do not want them to make a decision unless they are sure of what they are doing. So you preach a little longer, explain a little more, and try to make the invitation clear and simple.

When I think all has been said that can be said at one time and feel that the Holy Spirit is leading, I ask who wants to trust Christ. In the interior, where services are quite informal, people will stand to their feet and say aloud, "I accept Christ as my Saviour now!" What a thrill and joy to behold! (Among those making decisions recently was my nine-year-old son Winston; I have had the privilege of baptizing him.)

This is God's work. And he works not only through us but also through you, because if it were not for your sending us we would not be here.



DR. PAUL M. STEVENS, director of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, received the highest of 18 awards presented by the Georgia Association of Broadcasters at their 21st annual Radio and Television Institute which met at the University of Georgia in Athens. The special achievement award commended Stevens for "his outstanding contributions to religious broadcasting and his stand against federal control of the broadcast industry."

States Receive . . .

(Continued from page 1) questions by parochial schools to see that no books are purchased that would be used to teach religion.

The books are allocated to private schools roughly in proportion to their share of the total school population. If 15 per cent of the state's school children are in non-public schools, they get approximately 15 per cent of the books. This will vary according to need, however, with poorer schools getting more books.

The law stipulates that public agencies hold title to the books. Plans for making them available to nonpublic (mostly Roman Catholic) categories, according to

Under one plan, books will be stored in central depositories with both public and private agencies borrowing them each semester. Under the other plan, the books will be sent directly to parochial schools on a loan basis, subject to reallocation. The terms of this plan are worked out on the local level.

Seminary Prof . . .

(Continued from page 1) a two-way street. "God's initiative moves man. Man responds in adoration, confession, and dedication.

"Today's minister needs to remember that the Gospel was proclaimed before it was written," added Stanfield. "A preacher does not invent or create his message. It has been revealed to him. He must interpret, apply and illustrate the message with the Scripture as his core."

"The strength of the church in Christian history is directly related to the strength of the pulpit. A proclamation of the good news of the Christian gospel brought the church into being. Only the same proclamation can keep life in the church," Stanfield concluded.

A faculty address is delivered twice annually at New Orleans Seminary. It is the equivalent to a professor's inaugural address, delivered only once in his career.

tion date set for June 5. Tentative plans call for an organizational structure with a fund-raising chairman in every Baptist church and association in the state.

The board authorized its executive committee to borrow the necessary funds, to make payments of \$100,000 per month on the new Furman science building. The fund campaign would repay any loans necessary to cover construction costs of the building.



REV. LOUIS R. COBBS (left), who directs the selection of the Foreign Mission Board's missionary journeymen, talks with Journeyman James M. Rinker in Quito, Ecuador, where he teaches English in a Baptist primary school. Mr. Cobbs is an associate secretary for missionary personnel.

School Prayer Issue Reopened

(Continued from page 1) people, including children, when and where they can utter their prayers. The high and august court puts thumbs down on prayer."

An initial response to Dirksen was an editorial in the Washington Post. "It said: 'Of course, the high and august court did no such thing. It protected the freedom of 190 million people, including children, to pray exactly when and how they pleased in their homes and chosen churches by asserting that no governmental authority may prescribe a prayer or other form of worship in any public school.'"

The hearings before the House Judiciary Committee

in 1964 produced three large volumes of findings. It remains to be seen whether a full-scale debate on the floor of the Senate will develop or whether hearings before the Senate Judiciary Committee will be held to redo what was done in the House.

In 1963 the Senate Judiciary Committee headed by Sen. James O. Eastland (D., Miss.) announced hearings on the Supreme Court ruling in New York Regents' Prayer Case. After only one day of testimony by selected witnesses the hearings were abruptly closed and have never been resumed.

Faith is like love: It cannot be forced.—Schopenhauer.

Gulfshore Ready Next Week

(Continued from page 1) a sermon by Dr. Homer G. Lindsey, pastor of First Baptist Church, Jacksonville.

Mr. Kaschel has served as pastor of some of the largest churches in Brazil, has taught in two Baptist seminaries in that country and has served as interpreter for Billy Graham and others.

The conference will be brought to a close late Wednesday morning following

Other features at that session will include a testimony by Rev. G. C. Cox, pastor of Hillcrest Baptist Church in Jackson and a sermon by Mr. Stanton.

Several music features have been announced by Mr. Hall.

The Singing Churchmen, a chorus of ministers of music from over the state, and a handbell group, made up of Jackson ministers of music, will be featured Monday evening.

Tuesday evening the Jones County Baptist Association Youth Choir of 100 voices under direction of Billy Souther, Jr., minister of music of Magnolia Street Baptist Church in Laurel, will be featured.



L. Gordon Sansing



G. C. Cox



Dan Hall

Seminary Names News Director

NEW ORLEANS—A news director has been named by New Orleans Seminary. He is John H. Speights, a student from Jackson, Tennessee.

A 1964 honors graduate of Mississippi College in philosophy, John was editor of the Mississippi College "Collegian."

Since graduation he has been employed by the Fidelity Union Life Insurance Company in Dallas, Texas and associate pastor of the Amite Church, Denham Springs, Louisiana.

As news director, John will be associate editor of the "Vision", the seminary publication, and handle releases to the press.

John's parents are Rev. and Mrs. H. B. Speights of Me-Comb.



THE HANDBELL GROUP which will be featured Monday night at the State Evangelistic Conference, is composed of several ministers of music of Jackson churches. From left: Charles Muller, Woodland Hills, (director); J. T. Taylor, Daniel Memorial; Jack Burnham, Colonial Heights; Cecil Harper, First; David Smitherman, Crestwood; Eddie Hebert, Van Winkle. (Not pictured is Reid Moore.)

Lottery Vote Expected

(Continued from page 1) tures must endorse a constitutional amendment before referendum. Approval in the first year of a legislature normally would mean a two-year wait before the public could act.

As proposed, lottery in New York would not be a once-or-twice-a-year program as in New Hampshire. Upward of six separate lotteries would be held, based on the results on specified horse races.

The odds against a better winning a major prize would be about 1,400 to 1. Promoters of the program foresee an annual gross of a half-billion dollars, with a net profit for schools of \$400 million. Opponents have downgraded the profit estimate drastically.

Gov. Nelson Rockefeller generally opposes lotteries in principle. Because his signature is not needed on a bill submitted to the people he will play only a passive role.



RECREATION LAB PLANNED FOR GULFSHORE ASSEMBLY

NASHVILLE—LEADERS of the second annual Mid-South Recreation Lab, set for Feb. 28—March 5 at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, Pass Christian, Miss., include these specialists in the field of church recreation: Top row: Dr. Harry Thompson of the drama department of Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Tex.; Elmin Howell, minister of activities, First Church, Shreveport, La., and Howard J. Tanner of The Handcrafters, Waupun, Wisc. Bottom row: Joe Mason, minister of recreation, First Church, Atlanta; Bob Raus of the faculty of the department of recreation, Indiana University, Bloomington; Bob M. Boyd, secretary of the Sunday School Board's church recreation department, sponsor of the lab. Participation in the lab is limited to 130 persons who are paid church staff members and who have direct responsibility for recreation in the church. Reservations must be requested by Feb. 15 from: Mid-South Recreation Lab, Church Recreation Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, 127 9th Ave., N., Nashville, Tenn. 37203.

Child

(Continued from page 1) Baker, children's director, South Main Church, Houston, Texas, who will direct Beginner workers and Dr. Mildred Souther, of New Orleans Seminary, who will lead Primary workers.

Each conference will begin at 9 a. m. and adjourn at 2:30 p. m. Those attending are asked to bring sack lunches with the host church to provide drinks.

Those urged to attend the meeting most convenient are pastors, educational and music directors, general church officers and all those who work with elementary age groups.

Schedule Given
Nursery and beginner activity will be provided for pre-school children.

The schedule of meetings follows: Feb. 28, First Church, Yazoo City; March 1, Ruleville; March 2, First, Batesville; March 3, Calvary, Tupelo; March 4, First, Louisville.

The conferences are being promoted by the Sunday School, Training Union, Church Music and WMU departments of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Arkansas Church.

(Continued From Page 1) the Arkansas convention in payment of the Cooperative Program budget percentage accumulated since the convention vote in November.

The church had decided to hold its normal missions contributions in escrow until making a decision on how it would handle missions gifts in the future.

There was no discussion or debate on the vote to continue the church's 15 percent budget allocation to the Cooperative Program missions budget plan.

During December, a business session was held to discuss the situation, but action was postponed until its regular January business session.

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Little Bahala Doubles LM Goal

MRS. MODENA SMITH, at right, WMU president, shows the pastor, Rev. Robert H. Carr, a check which is double the amount of the Lottie Moon Offering goal set at Little Bahala Church in Lincoln County. The check is for \$497.10. The goal was \$200. The highest the church had given before to this offering was \$130; this year's gift represents more than Little Bahala gave in a 12-year period from 1950 through 1962. The regular offerings remain higher than at any time in the past.

LIQUOR LICENSE BIG FACTOR IN BRAVES' DOUBLE PLAY

ATLANTA, Ga. (EP)—The Milwaukee Braves, faced by numerous court suits, are having a tough time getting out of Wisconsin. The Atlanta Braves face a tougher time getting a liquor license in their new hometown.

Both teams, of course, are the same. Milwaukee's Braves are no more—the National League, after several years of record attendance followed by a few years of drought, has voted to permit the team to move to Atlanta. City officials and sports groups in Milwaukee are seeking court action to prevent the transfer.

Hours after the Braves had filed for a liquor license at the stadium built by the city, the Georgia Council on Alcohol Problems acted. From areas throughout the state were mailed "several hundred" letters protesting issuance of a license.

Methodist and Baptist state bodies previously had voted to oppose liquor sales, big league style.

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LBJ To Aid Curb Of Population Explosion

WASHINGTON (BP)—President Lyndon B. Johnson, in a prepared speech, committed his administration more firmly than ever to support of birth control programs in those underdeveloped countries that want them.

In an address delivered at Independence, Mo., celebrating the establishment of a Harry S. Truman Center for peace studies at Hebrew University in Jerusalem, the President discussed some details of his expanded international aid program and promised an attack on world population problems.

The explosive issue of the government's participation in birth control activities was sparked in President Johnson's 1965 State of the Union message.

In his 1965 message to the Congress in early January the President specifically included birth control assistance as a part of his proposed International Health Act of 1966.

There has been some activity within the Congress on the issue. During the first session of the 89th Congress Sen. Ernest Gruening (D., Alaska) introduced legislation to coordinate and disseminate birth control information upon request and authorizing the President to call a White House conference on population.

In his Independence, Mo., address the President said each nation must decide for itself whether it wants birth control aid, but the U. S. position is clear.

"We will give our help and support to nations which make their own decisions to insure an effective balance between the numbers of their people and the food they have to eat," he stated.

Senate hearings were conducted on the Gruening Bill last year and have resumed during this session of the Congress. At a January hearing four Nobel Prize winners presented testimony supporting the program, and written testimony was received from others.

Sen. Gruening said the Nobel Laureates shared the President's concern about the dangers caused or created by the population explosion. Gruening's bill is cosponsored by 12 other Senators.

A companion bill was introduced in the House of Representatives last year by Rep. Morris Udall (D., Ariz.) and a similar one by Rep. Paul Todd (D., Mich.). No hearings have been held in the House.



Mendenhall Pastor Dies Following Fall

Rev. Bob Odenwald, for the past seven years pastor of First Baptist Church in Mendenhall, was instantly killed late Monday afternoon as a result of apparently falling or jumping from a third floor window of Baptist Hospital in Jackson.

Hospital attendants said he had been admitted earlier Monday. A corner's jury ruled that his death was suicide.

His immediate survivors are his widow and four children, his father and mother, two brothers and one sister. Mrs. Odenwald is the former Sylvia Burr, who was for a while educational director of Woodland Hills Baptist Church in Jackson.

Mr. Odenwald was well-known in the state and was active in denominational affairs.

Funeral services were held Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock at the Mendenhall Church, and the body was carried to Springfield, Tennessee, for burial.

Calvary, Jackson, To Present Bucher In Concert

Calvary Baptist Church in Jackson will present Dennis P. Bucher in concert Tuesday, Feb. 8 at 8 p.m. Bucher, a baritone, assumed his new duties as director of music at Calvary this week.

He comes to Jackson after serving as minister of music at Allapattah Baptist Church, Miami, for 3½ years. Following the concert Mr. and Mrs. Bucher will be honored at a reception in Fellowship Hall.

RICHARD VAN EGMOND has accepted a call to First Church, Petal, as minister of music. Mr. Van Egmond, a music major at William Carey College, and his wife, will be living in a new home just completed by First Church, at 103 Oak Street. Petal. Rev. W. A. Fordham is pastor.

Training Union

LEXINGTON ALREADY REGISTERED FOR GULFSHORE

While many churches are just now beginning to promote Training Union weeks at Gulfshore, Pastor Frank Gunn and Director Calvin Moore at First Baptist Church, Lexington, have completed their promotion and have sixty-nine reservations already confirmed for the second week. Underscore this sentence from a recent letter from Pastor Gunn, "We have about seventeen or eighteen adults going."

To each adult who will drive their car the church offers forty dollars as reimbursement for travel. As soon as the group returns one year they begin talking about the trip for the next. At "M" Night one member of the Lexington church said that the reason she is in Training Union today is Gulfshore—she went one year as a driver.

PERRY AND MONROE REPORT "M" NIGHT

Perry and Monroe Associations have reported "M" Night attendances which are to be added to those listed in this column last week. These reports bring the totals for the state up to an attendance record of 25,713 with 1,245 churches represented. This leaves Mississippi with only three associations unreported.

Perry Association reports an attendance of 132 with ten churches represented and nine pastors present. Monroe's attendance was 146 from 20 of the churches. There were eight pastors in attendance.

TWO BUS LOADS ANTICIPATED FROM STARKVILLE FOR GULFSHORE THIS SUMMER

Starkville has selected the second Training Union week at Gulfshore for their own this year according to Bill Nimmons, Minister of Education. They plan for approximately eighty adults and young people to attend.

In a recent letter Mr. Nimmons states that "our church continues to reap innumerable rewards from our annual trips to Training Union Week at Gulfshore. Among these are dedication of life to special service of our young people, a new insight into the value of and zeal for Training Union. Several of our young people have made professions of faith in Christ."

The Starkville church has through the years enlisted only Adults, Young People and Intermediates to attend. Mr. Nimmons writes "the Juniors of our church anticipate being promoted into the Intermediate department because then they become eligible to go with our delegation to Gulfshore." He is referring to the specification that each Junior boy or girl must be accompanied by one or both parents or by an adult guardian with no guardian being responsible for more than one person.



'YEAR OF THE BIBLE' FORMALLY OPENED—WASHINGTON, D. C.—Presentation to President Johnson of a Bible symbolizing the 750-millionth copy of Scriptures distributed by the American Bible Society formally opened the "Year of the Bible." The presentation was the first formal event marking 1966 as the 150th anniversary year of the ABS. The red hand-sewn goat skin Bible, with gold-edged pages, was given to the President at the White House by Dr. James Z. Nettinga (left), ABS secretary in charge of anniversary arrangements, and Sen. Claiborne Pell (D.-R. I.), a vice-president of the Society. (RNS Photo)

Bible House Shows Modern Drawings

NEW YORK—Aware that a work of art often is an act of worship, the American Bible Society is opening its 150th Anniversary in 1966 with displays featuring modern line drawings for Scriptures by the well-known Swiss artist Annie Vallotton.

The exhibit at the Bible House, 57th and Park Avenue, opened January 10. A similar, but much larger, display opens January 17 at the Interchurch Center, 475 Riverside Drive, where it will run through February 19.

The works of Miss Vallotton feature illustrations from among 300 prepared by the Swiss artist for a New Testament in today's English, being published in commemoration of the Bible Society's 150th Anniversary. She also il-

lustrated a recent ABS publication of the Gospel of St. Mark entitled "The Right Time," and has done religious drawings for other periodicals in Europe.

Her remarkable technique captures the quintessence of a gesture conveying deep meaning and expressing with great simplicity and sparse strokes. She explains her effort is to open a door to the Bible so that people seeing the drawings and correlative texts want to seek further and plunge deeper into the Scriptures. Miss Vallotton points out that "the photographer captures an attitude. The cinema covers a whole sequence of movements or gestures. But the artist has the privilege of choosing the moment he wants to portray."

POCAHONTAS CHURCH BURNS

The Pocahontas Baptist Church burned on Saturday afternoon, January 29. The building was a complete loss, although some of the furnishings were saved.

The church is located on the Kickapoo Road, just off of Highway 49, about three miles south of Pocahontas. The auditorium was erected about three years ago; a new educational building was completed only a few months ago. At the present time the church is without a pastor.

Origin of the fire is unknown. It was discovered about two o'clock, but lack of water because of the extreme cold weather, hindered the fire fighters.

C. J. Carrigan, chairman of the deacons of the church, estimated that the loss probably would reach about \$65,000, about \$40,000 of which was covered by insurance.

Mr. Carrigan said that only the heroic efforts of neighbors, both white and negro, saved pews, and some other equipment which they were able to get out. He expressed the gratitude of the church for this assistance, and also to firemen who sought in vain to save the building.

The congregation has rented the Ben Whitfield home on Kickapoo road, and will hold services there, while a new building is being erected. It is hoped that work on a new building can begin at an early date, according to Mr. Carrigan.

Stagg To Delay Retirement

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M. (BP) — The State Mission Board of the Baptist Convention of New Mexico voted unanimously to request Harry P. Stagg to delay his retirement as executive secretary of the convention.

The board asked its top administrative officer to continue his work until completing 30 years as executive secretary.

Books! Books! Books!

SCRIPTURAL — EVANGELISTIC SPIRITUAL — ECONOMICAL

By Southern Baptist evangelist Dr. E. J. Daniels and other evangelical leaders, published by Christ For The World, Inc.

Dr. Daniels is to speak on the program at the Evangelistic Conference at Gulfshore next week. He has held numerous revivals in Mississippi.

Books by Dr. E. J. Daniels

THE HOLY SPIRIT — The Christian's H. Bomb — 35¢

A message on the work of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer.

GOING THE SECOND MILE — 25¢

A sermon on Christian dedication.

WINNING WAYS IN WINNING MEN — 25¢

How any person can be a more effective soul winner.

HOW TO BE SAVED, KNOW YOU ARE SAVED, AND BE HAPPY WHILE SAVED — 25¢

THE RED DEVIL OF COMMUNISM — 75¢

The dangers of communism for America and the world.

WHOM SHOULD YOU MARRY? — 35¢

Love, Courtship and Marriage

HOW TO BE HAPPILY MARRIED — 75¢

A beautiful, practical book on happy living in the home.

PERPLEXING QUESTIONS REGARDING LIFE AFTER DEATH — 25¢

I ACCUSE KINSEY — \$1.00

Discussion of modern sex problem.

WHY DOES NOT GOD ALWAYS ANSWER YOUR PRAYERS — 25¢

Books by other authors

THE PLACE CALLED HEAVEN by R. G. Lee — \$1.00

Southern Baptist's most beloved pulpiteer speaks on heaven.

GLEANINGS FROM THE GOSPEL — 4 volumes — 75¢ per volume by L. G. Curtis

A former Alabama Baptist minister presents 100 sermon outlines on the gospels — 25¢ on each gospel.

WE BEHELD HIS GLORY by Albert H. Cullen — \$1.00

Nine great sermons on Christ by a retired Baptist pastor who now lives in Mississippi.

BEAUTIFUL BRIDES AND WONDROUS WEDDINGS by Albert H. Cullen — \$1.00

Seven weddings of the Bible including The Marriage of the Lamb.

YOU CAN BE SURE by B. R. Lakin — \$1.00

How to be sure on great Bible facts. Written by director of Cadle Tabernacle in Indianapolis.

PRACTICAL PREACHMENTS FROM THE PROPHET JONAH by Leon M. Gambrell — \$1.00

Seven sermons on the prophet Jonah.

WEIGHED AND FOUND WANTING by B. F. (Cyclone Mac) McClendon — \$1.00

Reprint of a book of sermons by a famed Methodist evangelist.

Several other books from these publishers, as well as many from other publishers, will be on display and for sale at the Baptist Book Store exhibit at the Evangelistic Conference.

The books may be ordered from the Baptist Book Store, 123 N. President Street, Jackson.

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Southern Baptist Advance

"Let's get Southern Baptists to moving again or at least moving at faster pace!"

That is the cry of many Baptist hearts today. Southern Baptists have been a moving people, continually making great strides of advance. No other modern large denomination, has had such growth and expansion in the past half century.

That amazing pace of advance, however, has slowed down, and in some areas, and some departments, has ground to a halt. That does not mean that Southern Baptists are beginning to falter, or even that growth is not continuing, but it does mean that the denomination is not progressing as it has been doing in the past few years. This trend must be changed if the denomination is to continue to hold its leadership position in the religious life of the nation and the world.

How can these changes be brought about? How can Baptists begin once more to march forward in mighty strides? In the first issue of the new year we presented some general suggestions. Now we desire to expand those suggestions in a series of editorials, and perhaps make some other suggestions. This is the first editorial in that series.

Let Southern Baptists be just New Testament Baptists.

Let them build their churches, their programs and their denominational work on the New Testament pattern. Nothing else is needed.

Dr. B. H. Carroll, for many years a Texas and Southern Baptist giant, said, "The New Testament is the law of Christianity. All of the New Testament is the law of Christianity. The New Testament is all the law of Christianity. The New Testament always will be all of the law of Christianity."

This is all that Baptists need. That does not mean that they will not utilize modern methods and plans and programs. It does mean, that in utilizing those they will center them on the New Testament, and its principles.

It does mean that Southern Baptists do not need programs that are not New Testament in origin and pattern.

It means that Southern Baptists will major on the local church exactly as the New Testament does. They will center their whole program about Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and the witness concerning Him. They will be evangelistic, missionary, and faithful in stewardship. They will keep the message of the Bible as their one message.

This is not the popular trend of this day. This is the hour of rejecting Biblical authority, of ecumenicalism, of the social gospel, of abandonment of soul-saving, and of changing the missionary message. Liberalism and modern-day universalism, would rob Christianity of its distinctive message to a lost world.

In such a day the world needs New Testament Christianity! Baptists, through the centuries, have claimed to be, and sought to be just that. Now, more than ever before, such Christianity is needed. Baptists can be that in their organization, in their message, in their program, and in their lives. They do not need to be anything else.

The year 1966 is a great year for turning the tide of Southern Baptist life.

Let us start that turn now, by just returning to the New Testament.

The Liquor Bills

Several liquor bills have been introduced in the current session of the legislature, and it seems very possible that some of them will be given serious consideration during this legislative term.

Requests have come to us for information concerning these bills. The following statements give a brief explanation of the bills, after a hurried reading of them. It is possible that more careful study may reveal further information, but this is how they appear from first reading. This analysis is for information only, and does not in any sense mean endorsement of any of the bills.

Senate Bill 1585 (McDonnell, etc.) appears to be a straight referendum bill, calling for a state-wide vote on whether local option will be allowed in counties and municipalities, to be held at the next regular election in November, 1966. In case a majority of the persons voting in such a state-wide election approve of local option, the bill sets up plans for such elections on the petition of 20% of the qualified electors.

It also sets up plans for a state control board, licensing, regulation, etc.

Senate Bill 1601 (Caraway, etc.) calls for "making sale, possession or transportation" of intoxicating liquors a felony, and sets up procedures for strict enforcement of prohibition laws. The public press has called it a "bone-dry" bill. However, it has at least one provision, which makes it appear to be unworkable. That is that "all vehicles entering this state shall be inspected." This bill is said to be similar to one that was passed in Oklahoma, just prior to the vote there on the prohibition laws, with the reported purpose of disgusting people with prohibition, and leading them to vote prohibition laws out.

House Bill 89 (Jones) is a referendum bill calling for a state-wide vote on local option at the 1966 Primary election. In case a majority of the voters approve local option, then the legislature will be under a mandate to set up legislation for liquor licensing and control for counties that vote themselves out from under the liquor laws. The bill also specifically states that if the voters reject local option, this will be a "mandate" to the legislature to set up procedures for strict enforcement of present prohibition laws. However, the bill has a provision that even if the majority of the people in the state do vote dry, should fifteen counties vote wet, then the legislature would be required to set up a control system for those counties.

House Bill 112 (Bryant) is a bill, which at first glance, seems to be very similar to Senate Bill 1585. However, careful reading reveals that it is NOT a state-wide referendum, but simply allows local option elections in counties in the state after July 1, 1966, if 20% or 1500, of the qualified electors petitioned for them. The bill does set up procedures for control board, licensing, etc.

There have been reports that some legislators are now discussing the "Alabama Plan" which is sale of liquor through state-owned liquor stores, with no sale in restaurants, hotels, clubs, etc. As far as we can learn no bill embodying this idea, has yet been offered.

It should be remembered that other bills may yet be presented, amendments may be made to any of those considered, and that the final bill must have the approval of both the Senate and the House. The bill also must receive the approval of the governor. The last legislative session passed a liquor legalization bill in its closing hours, but that was vetoed by the governor. However, it is reported that he has said that he will sign a bill which honestly gives the electors an opportunity to decide the issue.



WHY NOT TALK ABOUT IT

Dr. Louis H. Evans, a minister of the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., tells the story of a Hindu man who asked his American hostess what she thought of Jesus Christ.

"We don't talk about that at the dinner table!" she answered.

The next day he asked a businessman the same question. Embarrassed, the businessman said, "Let's go out on the balcony and talk about this."

The Hindu's reaction was: "This is the first nation I've been in where the people are ashamed of their God."—New Zealand Challenge

The Evangelical Press Association, has in recent months had a number of specialists doing research and writing reports for the benefit of its members. Mr. William Petersen has prepared a report on "Controversy" that is indeed thought provoking. The report is a bit too long for use here and not all of it need be reprinted, but I want to share with you some of Mr. Petersen's rather startling observations. He writes:

"I was reading a magazine—a good evangelical magazine—recently and was surprised at how many controversial articles it contained. First it had an article on denominations, sort of on the ecumenical movement, and came to some conclusions that many evangelicals would disagree with.

"Then its next article was on sex, and sex is always a controversial subject. But this particular article was so outspoken and frank that I am sure some subscribers will be lost by it.

"The third article in this magazine was on divorce and separation, and this is also a controversial subject.

"Then, of all things, it had an article on dieting. I didn't know that was the business of any evangelical magazine. Only very brave editors talk about what a person should eat.

"Then there was an article, the very next one, on the place of women in the church, with some very controversial comments about women's dress. Next was an article about speaking in tongues. That was about all their was in this magazine, except for an apologetic on the Resurrection of Christ near the back of the book."

As I read that first page of Mr. Petersen's report I was trying to decide whether to resign my editorial duties immediately or wait till five o'clock. When I turned to page two, I was a tiny bit relieved to read the next paragraph which said:

"This magazine, in case you are interested, is called the First Epistle to the Corinthians."

A report presented to the Synod of the Evangelical Church in Germany (EKID), Frankfurt, Germany, has revealed that West German Protestant military chaplains have ministered to some 750,000 servicemen since 1957.

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Little Men And Long Shadows

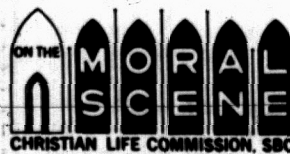
During these short days of winter when the sun hands low to the South of us, a tree or a man or any other object creates longer shadows on the ground.

This is also true near sunset anytime during the year. At sundown, a small boy makes a shadow as big as a man's at noon. This phenomenon led someone to observe, "When little men start to cast long shadows, it is a sign that night is near."

There is more to this proverb than meets the eye, because the author is not thinking merely of an actual shadow cast by a short person. Rather he is thinking about influence and example.

Quite frequently a "little person" (small in character, altruism, experience, morality, etc.) will carry more weight in a community than more mature persons. What he lacks in character he may make up for in cunningness, enthusiasm, and determination. And this is always a sign that darkness is near. Not the actual blackness of night, but the darkness of prejudice and dishonesty and fraud and deceit.

This can also happen in a home, on the job, in a classroom, or even in a church. It happens wherever the talented and the gifted sit back while less-desirables take over.



A labor dispute in the San Joaquin Valley near Delano, California reveals the disparity of opinions between Christians concerning social responsibility. Clergymen and laymen of various denominations have helped stage a strike to get union recognition for grape pickers. "Where the poor are, Christ should be," stated one churchman. The Delano Ministerial Association voiced its disapproval of "any ecclesiastical demonstration or interference in the farm-labor situation," holding that the concern of the clergy must be "in the spiritual areas." A spokesman for the grape growers stated that the church could not take sides in such disputes and still serve God.

According to the FBI Bulletin, there were 184,473 shoplifting cases recorded in 1964 involving stolen goods valued at almost \$5 million. Much of this loot was taken



New Books

THE LIFE AND TIMES OF JESUS by Herschel H. Hobbs (Zondervan, 218 pp., \$3.50)

A new biography of the life of Christ, written by one of Southern Baptist's most outstanding Bible scholars, pastors, and denominational leaders. Dr. Hobbs tells the wondrous story of the life of Christ in moving language, and with deep perception of spiritual meaning. He presents Jesus Christ as the pre-existent Son of God, who was born of a virgin, lived among men, died on the cross for sinful man; was raised from death in bodily resurrection, returned to glory, and is coming again. Dr. Hobbs opens the meaning of words and experiences, sometimes hidden to the average reader. He gives emphasis to great doctrinal truths. He skillfully handles problem passages. This new book will be a worthy addition to the book collection of the preacher, teacher, the average Christian, and to the church library itself.

CHRISTIANITY AND ANTI-CHRISTIANITY IN THEIR FINAL CONFLICT by Samuel J. Andrews (Bob Jones University Press, Greenville, S. C., 258 pp., \$3.95)

Reprint of a most important book, which first appeared two-thirds of a century ago. A number of years ago it was reissued by Moody Press, and now by Bob Jones

press. It is a book which should be read by present-day preachers and religious leaders for it is a Scriptural study of events which are occurring in the world right now. Dr. J. M. Gray, of Moody Bible Institute wrote concerning one of the early editions of the book "In this work he (the author) is dealing soberly and scientifically with the conflict in which we are now engaged, treating, first of the teachings of the Old and New Testaments respecting the Anti-Christ and the falling away of the Church, and then the tendencies which are preparing the way for the final climax of the age. These tendencies include modern philosophy, Biblical criticism, science, literature and Christian socialism, leading up to the deification of humanity." The final section of the book deals with developments, at the end of the age, the rise and reign of the Anti-Christ, and final things concerning the return of our Lord Jesus Christ. This book will help the Bible student to understand what is happening in today's world.

YOUR HAND IN HIS by Virginia Ely (Fleming H. Revell, 128 pp., \$2.95)

A devotional study of Jesus and His various roles in the world, and in the life of a Christian. A clear definition of the demands on those who would be His disciples, and of the joy of discipleship. Virginia Ely is medical librarian at the U. S. Public Health Service Hospital, Fort Worth, Texas.

Baptist Forum

MISSISSIPPI: KEEP IT DRY!

Dear Sir:

As a citizen of Mississippi for 85 years, and 75 of them spent in McComb, I wish to say "Amen" 1000 times to the editorial in the Baptist Record under date of January 20, 1966—"Mississippi Does Not Need Legalized Liquor." (But what Mississippi does need is to discontinue that hypocritical practice of collecting taxes on whiskey in any Mississippi, and enforce the laws the best we can.)

I know that we have no law that can be enforced 100 per cent but I believe that liquor law can be enforced 80 per cent better than it is.

I said to a businessman, a friend of mine, one day that I was going to start a movement pretty soon, and in a few years I would be able to retire. He said, "Is that so? What are you going to do?"

I said, "I will steal this car over here, and sell it for \$500, give the state \$50.00, and put the rest in my jacket."

He said to me that only applies to whiskey. I told him if he could show me any difference in stealing, and selling whiskey in Mississippi, I would eat my hat. He said there was no difference. Both were against the law.

A friend of mine asked me one day if I was for state rights. My answer was, "I am 100 per cent for anything that is right and I am 100 per cent against anything that is wrong." If state rights include collecting tax on whiskey in Mississippi, I am not for that part of state rights, because it is wrong.

Yours for a better and cleaner Mississippi.
D. E. Deleaux
818 Avenue East
McComb, Mississippi

Clarke College Supporters Meet

A meeting of the officers of the Clarke College Development Council and the Alumni Association met January 20 to formulate plans for greater activities of these groups. Those attending were Dr. R. J. Reynolds, Newton, president of the Development Council; Reuben Lott, Laurel, vice president; Rev. Leon D. Wall, Sumner, president of the Alumni; Rev. Harold Wilder, Tupelo, vice president; Joe Baker and J. H. Street, of the Clarke staff, who work with both groups; and Dr. W. L. Compere, Clarke president.

BAPTIST BELIEFS

By Herschel H. Hobbs
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Oklahoma City, Okla.

DEAD OR IN A COMA?

"Weep not; she is not dead, but sleepeth" (Luke 8:52).

Jairus, whose daughter was ill, had asked Jesus to come to his home to heal her. On the way messengers came with the sad news that she was dead. Jesus said, "Fear not (stop being afraid); believe only, and she shall be made whole" (v. 50). Upon arrival they found mourners. Jesus said, "Stop weeping; she did not die but she goes on sleeping."

Some interpreters hold that this means that she was only in a coma. But the record speaks otherwise. Verse 49 reads, "Thy daughter is dead." "Is dead" renders a perfect tense, the tense of completeness or permanency. She was really dead. Furthermore, in reply to Jesus' words "she did not die..." the mourners laughed scornfully, "knowing that she did die" (same verb form as in Jesus' statement) (v. 53).

"Knowing" means knowledge arrived at through thorough perception. They knew without a doubt that she was dead. In this light how may we understand Jesus' statement? The word "sleepeth" (katheudei) may be regarded in the same sense as "Lazarus Sleepeth" (kekoimetai, Jn 11:11). The latter Greek word is used figuratively of the sleep of death. The former is used of actual sleeping, but also in the figurative sense of death (1 Thess. 5:10). In the light of the other plain statements about the girl's death, we must conclude that Jesus used "sleepeth" figuratively. She did not die to remain in death. As with Lazarus, so here, Jesus will awaken her out of the sleep of death.

Luke alone of the Synoptic Gospels has "knowing that she was dead" (compare with Matt. 9:24 and Mk. 5:40). Probably he added this to clarify the meaning of Jesus'

words.

Verse 55 adds to this emphasis. At Jesus' word "Maid arise," "her spirit came again" (returned, aorist, a miracle). "Spirit" is *pneuma* which may be rendered "spirit" or "breath." It could just as well read "and her breath (breathing) returned again immediately." Both "spirit" and "breath" are true to the facts.

When taken as a whole, therefore, the girl really was dead. She was raised to life again by Him who is both Lord over death and the Lord of life.

New Congregation

A Baptist congregation, which began holding services in Haifa, chief port of Israel, late in 1965, hopes to organize as a church before mid-1966. The group, which includes Baptists from other countries who are working in Israel, has trilingual services—in Arabic, Hebrew, and English—using a simultaneous translation system. Like most Baptist groups in Israel, they worship on Saturday morning, the Jewish Sabbath, since Sunday is normally a work day.

Calendar of Prayer

(This list is not compiled according to birthdays.)
February 7 — Mrs. Lina S. Miller, faculty, William Carey College; Joe Allene Wesson, faculty, Clarke College.

February 8 — Pat Woodham, Lauderdale, association Brotherhood president; Bonnie Graham, staff, Children's Village.

February 9 — John Tadlock, Baptist student director, Colin Junior College; Mrs. Georgia Byers, staff, Mississippi College.

February 10 — Ray Campbell, Rankin, association Sunday school superintendent; Mrs. James P. White, faculty, Blue Mountain College.

February 11 — Mrs. Sandra Brannon, Baptist headquarters; Mrs. Betty Bingham, Baptist headquarters.

February 12 — Richard Pass, Adams-Union association superintendent of missions; Barbara Pou, faculty, Gilfoy School of Nursing.

February 13 — Jimmy Lampkin, Baptist Book Store; Lucille Aycock, Baptist Book Store.

Choirs On Record

Choirs from the Baptist Center at Petah Tikva (near Tel Aviv), Israel, sang before large audiences there and in Jerusalem during the Christmas holidays, and recordings of their carols were broadcast daily over the Voice of Israel to local and international listeners. A record by the children's choir and the women's trio of the Center, released in December, is to be put on the world market in time for next Christmas.

WDSU-TV Channel 6, New Orleans, will present, in color, the First Baptist Church of New Orleans in a thirty-minute program once each month, at nine a.m. The series began January 16.

The program consists of select music by one of the church's choral units; a five-minute "special feature," showing what the church program offers; and a pointed Bible presentation by the pastor, Dr. J. D. Grey.

The first "special feature" showed one of the pre-school units, the children engaging in regular Sunday morning Bible school activities. The pastor talked on "A Little Child in the Midst."

Second Avenue Over \$2,000 Goal

Second Avenue Church, Laurel, has gone over its goal of \$2,000 for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, according to Mrs. John C. Zachary, WMU president and Rev. Tom F. Rayburn, pastor.

Mrs. Cora Joyce Davis, missionary to Nigeria, was guest speaker preceding the Week of Prayer.

Heaven still guards the right.—William Shakespeare.

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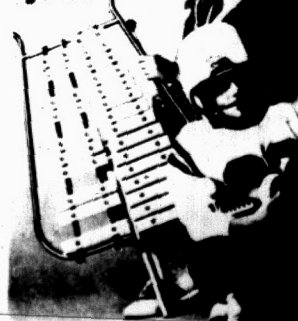
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BPRA OFFICERS: Newly-elected officers of the Baptist Public Relations Association are (left to right) Program Vice President Joe Abrams, of the Mississippi Baptist Convention news service; President David A. Morris, public relations director of the Alabama Baptist Convention; Newsletter Editor Floyd Craig, communications director for the Southern Baptist Annuity Board. Other officers (not pictured) are Secretary-Treasurer Floyd North, editor of the Commission magazine; and Dick McCartney, BPRA representative on the SBC Inter-Agency Council. McCartney is public relations director for Texas Baptists. (BP Photo)

PR Workers To Meet In State In 1967

(Continued from page 1)
the public relations problems of their denomination, agencies, and institutions and got advice on how to improve.

The executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Arthur B. Rutledge of Atlanta, outlined what he considered to be three major public relations problems facing Southern Baptists.

Rutledge, speaking during a symposium for Baptist executives, said the denomination faces major public relations problems because of the convention's "Southern" name, its reputation in race relations, and its relations with other denominations.

During a banquet address, the executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, James L. Sullivan, urged the public relations specialists to be diligent

in the "stewardship of words" for the words they use can help or hurt the denomination.

Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth and the Baptist General Convention of Texas in Dallas won top honors in the annual awards competition of the Association.

The meeting closed with addresses by Doug Dillard, church public relations specialist from Dallas, and creator of the Ministry of Ideas; and by Lloyd Wright, former Texas Baptist public relations director who is now director of press and publications for the U. S. Information Agency, Washington.

Wright outlined the government's problems in communicating to the public, saying that communications depends on the understanding the audience has of the meanings of words used.

Most Unforgettable Funeral

By S. L. Morgan, Sr.

Wake Forest, N. C.

Lately I spent a weekend in Creedmoore in Granville County, six miles from Oxford, N. C., the county seat. I ended a 5-year pastorate there 24 years ago. I went into an office and greeted the secretary with more than ordinary affection, permissible. I felt at 92 to a former pastor who cannot forget in eternity that she was the sole survivor of five sisters in the most tragic "natural providence" I've ever known, often still spoken of as "the Hester tragedy." The memory of it ought not to be permitted to perish.

Four admirable sisters drove out to the tobacco field one afternoon. A little thunder cloud, a gentle shower; the girls took shelter under thick foliage in the edge of the forest; a lightning flash, and the four girls fell dead in a heap, under their cloth canopy.

My high-school boy Neil phoned me from downtown, "Something has happened to the Hester family; you'll want to go." He is now a well-known journalist and author in San Diego, Calif. I got to the home in time to see the tobacco wagon come in, a sheet lifted, and the bodies of the four girls carried into the house.

Two days later, occurred the most sensational funeral likely in the nation that year. The press and the radio had turned it into a national event. We foresaw the press of thousands of people trying to get into the Baptist church might be even dangerous. We decided to install a loud speaker, hoping to ease the

pressure by holding part of the crowd outside. Thousands came. The town was jammed with cars. The church packed, a thousand or so listened to the service outside. Meanwhile it was said more people were waiting in the cemetery than had ever been in it before. People pressed toward the grave, crazed to see the sight: four white caskets lowered into a huge grave. One driver of a car seemed beside himself: "I came from Pennsylvania to see!" he cried. The policeman said, "You'll stop or go to jail!"

Yes, I told the secretary, "You've had a unique place in my heart since that day; you five girls will have for me in eternity!"

And their mother! Already her oldest girl had died, a teacher, and a volunteer for foreign mission service. People asked, "Can the mother survive this?" She did! Already popularly regarded as "the best Christian in town" and its best comforter, this crushing sorrow made her a still better comforter of all that sorrowed. That's what sorrow does!

Evangelize: Order Of The Day

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"Ours must be the deepest social concern—the concern for men's redemption . . .
Never was evangelism more needed than in this apocalyptic age."

The term "evangelist" might cause a shudder in some sophisticated congregations by suggesting a vociferous pulpiteer "preaching up a storm." Nevertheless, the word means "a publisher of good news." The dictionary has a definition for the corresponding verb: "make known the gospel to; bring under the influence of gospel truths; convert to Christianity."

Should this send a shudder through the ranks of believers? Indeed not. It should elicit a robust "amen." For who in the Church is not, scripturally at least, obligated to be an evangelist? There may be evangelists who are not apostles, bishops, or pastors; but every apostle, bishop, or pastor is supposed to be an evangelist. For twenty centuries the historic scribes—Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John—have been called "Evangelists." In liturgical language, he who rises to read the Gospels is designated an evangelist. In a true New Testament sense every believer is an evangelist, every churchman a Gospels. The ecclesia is evangelical; and, as the late G. Campbell Morgan used to say, to call a man "evangelical" who is not evangelistic is an utter contradiction.

The Church has ever been under orders to evangelize. Are the orders less urgent in this time of apocalyptic siftings and transitions? We claim to see in our domestic and international upheavals, in our plunge toward the abyss of unbelief, an inexorable movement toward the great denouement of the human story; it would thus be tragic if we were to soften the thrust of evangelism in this fateful hour.

Choruses of despair sound from all sides. And why not? One need not be a prophet to discern the signs of the times. "We have now made it possible to destroy the human race, to reduce to the time of Cain and Abel man's position on earth; to scatter to the four winds in a matter of seconds the civilization it has taken centuries to build"—the United States Atomic Energy Commission speaking. "Utter and unrelieved gloom awaits us. It is likely that during this present generation all our large cities in every part of the world will be destroyed"—the voice of the skeptic Bertrand Russell. "The handwriting on the wall of five continents now tells us that the day of judgment is at hand"—the voice of the scientist William Vogt. "Our civilization is doomed"—the voice of the missionary physician and scholar Albert Schweitzer.

But why, as evangelicals, should we be surprised at all this? After all, we have loudly maintained that we believe everything Jesus said. And what did he tell his disciples when they asked, "What shall be the sign of your coming, and of the end of the world?" A question like that today could get you a chilling brushoff in many a church or seminary by many a religious leader! But Jesus did not brush off the question. In fact, two big chapters in Matthew are needed to contain his answer. And that answer, taken seriously, is rather terrifying.

False Christs will abound; they will mislead multitudes. War-talk and wars will increase. Nations will be at one another's throats. World famine will take a frightful toll. Earthquakes will shake many places. Persecution will fall heavily upon God's people. Many will be "offended" and lose their faith. Traitors will appear everywhere. Hatred will intensify. Many false prophets will deceive the masses. Wickedness and immorality will increase. Love will grow cold. The abomination of desolation, predicted by Daniel, will desecrate God's temple. A horrifying terror will sweep the earth, more fearful than has ever been or shall ever be again—so fearful, in fact, that were its time not curtailed,

no man would be left living on the earth. More false prophets will emerge, this time with dazzling signs and marvels. Disturbances will jar the solar system. Still, the Gospel as a witness to the approaching Kingdom will be preached. And men will reject the truth, as they did when Noah prophesied.

But Jesus, facing his followers with this eschatological pronouncement, did not offer them a future of nihilism. They were to raise their heads; their redemption lay beyond the world terror. For them the end was the beginning. God's day would dawn; his righteousness would rule. Meantime, they were to get to work. The Gospel had to be pressed home to men. The disciples needed the dynamic of the living Spirit; only his divine compulsion in them could move them out to their fateful mission to the world.

So with us now, and even more so. For those men stood millennia away from the fulfillment of those apocalyptic sayings; we stand perhaps within the first framework of their fulfillment. The time seems brief; the buds burst on the tree. We are cast, perhaps, somewhere between the beginnings of the apostasy and the terror, between the early fall of faith and the rise of Antichrist.

This is no time to be beguiled by unbelieving scholars who disown God's Word and dishonor his Son; it is rather a time for men to match the mission of evangelism. In a day of incredible unbelief, those who still believe must fill a vast vacuum. Evangelicals, like Nehemiah's masons who worked with a trowel in one hand and a sword in the other, have much to do; they must not allow the Sanballatian jeers to jar them from their task. They must endure the charges of "obscurantism," bear the sneers of the existential nihilists and demythologizers of the Word, withstand the pulpeters and professors who make war on the side of Antichrist, and carry on like men who under devastating fire still have orders to advance. And when the odds appear insuperable, may they, like Zerubbabel confronted with his task, hear the word from heaven: "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord of hosts."

Only minds clouded by spiritual and prophetic oblivion can fail to discern the down-thrust of our world toward ruin; yet, as Bishop Fulton J. Sheen has said, in the death of a great civilization the masses are always unaware of their tragedy. So it remains for those not yet blind, nor led by the blind, to gird on the sword of the Lord. Ours must be the deepest social concern—the concern for men's redemption. Others will labor at the secular level. But none will seek to save the lost except those who are saved. Here must we, even in tormenting loneliness, fill the yawning gap. So many depend on so few! This, in the language of Churchill, could be our finest hour. To us has been given the burden for a dying age. The divine messenger warned Daniel, "Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand" (Daniel 12:10).

Time moves on swift wings. The eschatological tempo is accelerating. The order of the day comes down from the top to men twice-born: Evangelize! Thin-ranked and hard-hit through we be, the order is not lifted, "You will bear witness for me . . . away to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8b, NEB).

Let evangelicals not only proclaim redemption in the face of impending judgment but also "preach, saying, the Kingdom of heaven is at hand." Never was evangelism more needed than in this apocalyptic age.

Baptist Doctor Needed

An unusual opportunity to be of Christian service is awaiting a Baptist medical doctor in the Tulalake Basin, an agricultural community of approximately 7,000, located on the Oregon-California line.

Following the death of the community's only physician, the Tulalake Basin Medical Center was formed by the basin citizens to purchase the deceased doctor's newly-constructed, never-used clinic located in Tulalake, California. The use of the clinic, which cost the corporation \$70,000, is being offered to the first qualified physician who is willing to settle in the area.

Since there is no Baptist doctor within a hundred mile radius of the basin, the First Baptist Church of Tulalake, along with her five sister Baptist churches in the area, is seeking a Southern Baptist doctor willing to accept the practice.

The Tulalake Basin is a fertile valley carved by ancient floodings from the heart of the great volcanic fields of Northern California. Within a hundred miles are located Crater Lake, Mount Shasta, and the Lava Beds National Monument. Ducks, geese, deer, and pheasants attract thousands of sportsmen to Tulalake yearly.

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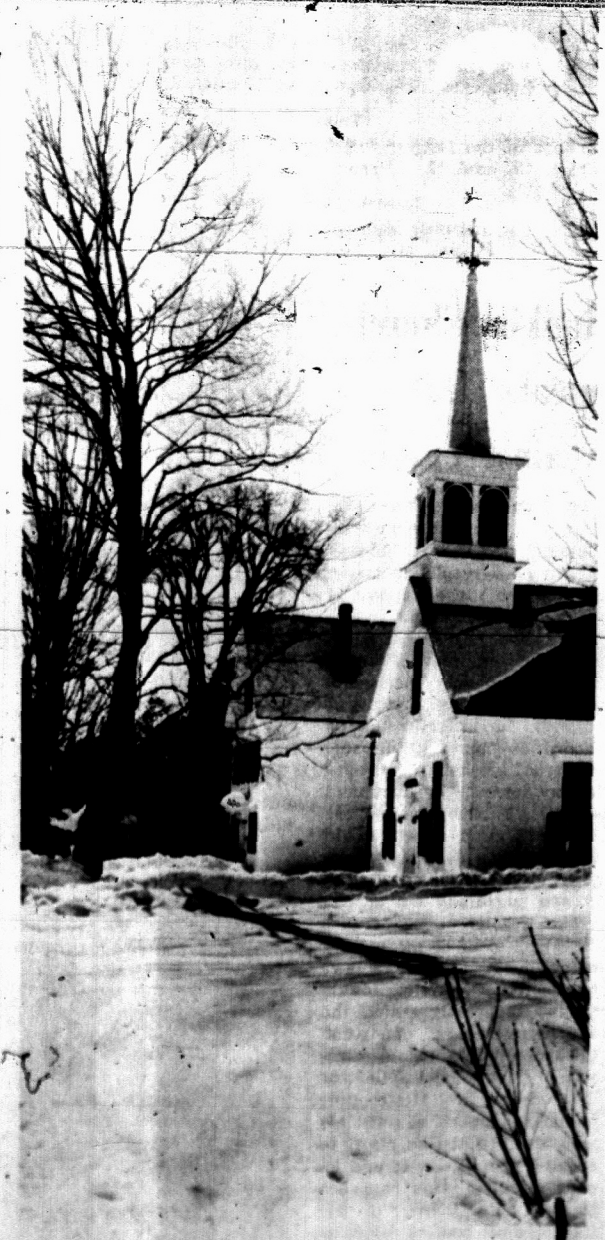
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PATHS TO WORSHIP ARE KEPT OPEN THROUGH NEW HAMPSHIRE'S DEEP-SNOW WINTER. (BNS Photo)



MISS AND MR. CLARKE MEMORIAL COLLEGE—Elected by fellow students in the annual Who's Who contest recently, Miss Martha Sue Philpot, of Camden, Ala., is now Miss Clarke Memorial College; and Jay White, Florence, was named Mr. C. M. C. Martha Sue, who aspires to a career in elementary education, is devotional chairman of the Women's Dormitory Council. Jay White is president of the College Baptist Student Union.



DR. W. L. COMPERE, president, at right, greets Vern Joe Morse, left, Chalmette, La., and Maggie Frances Nichols, Huntsville, Ala., who are enrolling as new students in Clarke College as the second semester begins. Both are second semester freshmen; but Vern, a pre-medical student, is a transfer from L. S. U., New Orleans. Maggie plans to study toward a career in religious education. The two young people pictured represent the 34 new students who enrolled for the second semester. Eight are transfers from other colleges. Dean Clifford Watson says that the enrollment for the second semester will be between 360 and 370.

Cathedral In The Pines Plans Women's Memorial

RINDGE, N. H. (RNS)—A massive memorial to women who died in the service of their country will be built at the Cathedral of the Pines here — one of the most unusual religious shrines in the United States.

Work on the monument will begin in the Spring and it will probably be the first in the U.S. dedicated not only to women who died in service but to "an uncounted number of pioneer women who also gave their lives in the service

of the United States." Dr. and Mrs. Douglas Sloane revealed plans for the memorial on the New Hampshire mountain which 5 million persons have visited in the past 20 years.

Cathedral of the Pines was constructed as a non-sectarian shrine by Dr. and Mrs. Sloane in memory of their son, Lt. Sanders Sloane, who died on a bombing plane over Germany in World War II.

It is erected on a site on which their son hoped to build his home. His father recalls that on the first visit to the mountain, the young boy called it "the most beautiful place ever made by God—it reminds me of a cathedral."

The cathedral is the only memorial of its kind to attain national recognition and by special act of Congress was designated a national shrine—although privately operated by a non-sectarian board of directors.

Missionaries In Salzburg, Austria

Rev. and Mrs. William L. Wagner, missionary appointees, flew to Austria October 19 to begin their work as the first Southern Baptist missionaries to that country. They may be addressed at Pension Monnal, Wascher-gasse 7-9, Salzburg, Austria.

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FROM 'CHURCH AND STATE'—

Baptists 'Separation' Stand

WASHINGTON, D. C. (POAU)—After 300 years the spirit of Roger Williams evidently hovers over Baptists, according to the lead article in the January issue of "Church & State," a monthly magazine published in the nation's capital.

The article notes that Roger Williams was the 17th century Baptist preacher and founder of the colony of Providence, the first place in America and the only place in the entire world at that time, where separation of church and state was a reality. The writer of the article declared, "Everywhere, it seemed, Baptists were lifting their voices to support the principle their spiritual forefather translated into actual practice."

To support its contention about present-day Baptists the magazine cited recent state Baptist convention actions, ranging all the way from messengers requesting the Baptist university in their state to refuse a Federal grant for which the Government already had committed itself (Furman in South Carolina) to the failure of Federal aid proponents to raise the issue at the annual convention reportedly for the fear of an overwhelming defeat.

The magazine, official publication of Americans United for Separation of Church and State, has on its cover a photograph of the monument to Roger Williams which is located in the rotunda of the capitol building in Washington. Also, the lead editorial concerns Baptists and is high in its praise of action taken at so many state meetings.

No Action Necessary

The article points out that in many states where no Federal aid issue was present and, therefore, no direct action by the convention was necessary, Baptists spoke out just the same. At least six state conventions passed resolutions reaffirming their dedication to the separation principle, the article reports. Also reported was action of several state bodies in voting a moratorium, during which no Federal grants will be accepted while the question of aid to colleges is given thorough study by special committees.

The article disclosed that in at least two state conventions the Baptists did not bar Federal funds without also making an effort to provide needed financial support for their schools. The entire financial structure of Baptist work in those states was undergirded by asking the churches to increase Cooperative Program gifts (the plan by which all Baptist work is supported).

In the editorial the writer declares, "We have never known Baptists to be unanimous on anything. But on this issue of accepting government money for their colleges they come about as close to it as

you will ever find this side of heaven."

He added: "It cost them money, bushels of it, which the Federal Government was begging them to take. They turned down millions—not casually, for their schools need support—but after prolonged and trim debate. They will cut their institutions back if necessary rather than accept government financing and control."

"The Baptists will renew their faith of many who were about to lose it. One hardly expects ordinary groups to reject the government gold so universally available... But the churches ought to be different. There should be in them that which refuses to be bought or bribed... The Baptists have... rejected the easy money for their institutions in order to keep them free and voluntary."



AT MOAK'S CREEK Church, Lincoln County, quite a few have attained records of above five years in perfect attendance at Sunday school. Above, 1 to r, first row: Mitchell Hall, three years; Schelia Hall, three years; Pam Walters, one year; Paulette Johnston, three years; Clayton Hodges, four years; Robbie Hodges, five years; Rodney Hodges, five years. Second row, 1 to r: Herbie Thornhill, Sunday school superintendent; Kevin Hodges, six years; Jonathan Smith, two years; Bruce Hodges, eight years; Jimmy Donald Hodges, six years; Randall Hodges, three years; Tommy Smith, two years. Third row, 1 to r: Rev. Jimmie T. Smith, pastor, one year; Melvin Walters, one year; Linda Kay Hodges, eight years; Mrs. Willie Hodges, three years; J. H. Green, eleven years; and Judy Johnston, four years.

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Festival Music

Even though a list of the youth festival music was given in a recent issue of *The Baptist Record*, we are listing it again below.

From *Youth Sings*—SATB, Broadman Press

"Christ Is Risen, Alleluia"—page 23

"Behold The Lamb of God"—page 10

"I'm On My Journey Home"—page 58

"Once to Every Man and Nation"—page 16

"Little Baby Jesus"—page 26

Other Anthems

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" (tune: "Miles Lane")
Arranged by Arthur E. Ward, for mixed chorus, piano, three trumpets and two kettle drums, Harold Plummer, Number 84302

"Praise God, Ye Sons of Earth" by Philip M. Young, SATB with special arrangement for three trumpets and three trombones, Broadman Press, Number 451-610

Televised

Portions of the festival will be video taped and televised by WJTV, Channel 12, Jackson.

Festival Accompanists

Organist, Mrs. Charles Allen, Jackson
Pianist, Mrs. Roland Shaw, Clinton

Rankin Church Speaks Out Against Liquor

Mt. Zion Church, Rankin County, Rev. Kenneth Pickens, pastor, on January 23, passed a resolution in opposition to legalization of liquor in Mississippi.

"We, as a Christian people, aware of the evils of liquor traffic, its danger to our society, our homes, and our children, do hereby go on record as opposing the sale or use of alcoholic beverages in any form," the document stated. "Further, we oppose any legislation which would seek to place a stamp of approval on that which is morally and spiritually wrong."

The resolution expressed disappointment in the lack of enforcement of liquor laws by elected officials of Rankin County, expressly stated the church members' opposition toward any bill for legalization of liquor, local option, or otherwise, in Mississippi; pledged support of officials who would make an effort to enforce present laws; and issued a call to other churches to join with them "in the fight against bootleg sales, by informing elected officials, by petitions to padlock, and any other action that can be legally and morally followed."

Child Development Conferences

Woman's Missionary Union is happy to be assisting with the promotion of five Child Development Conferences in North Mississippi during the week of February 28—March 4. Dates and locations of these conferences are given elsewhere in this issue of *The Baptist Record*.

One of our special out of state guests for the meetings will be Dr. Mildred Souther, pictured below, who will lead



Dr. Mildred Souther

the conferences for those who work with primary-aged boys and girls.

Dr. Souther comes to us as an exceptionally well-qualified leader in children's work. She is Assistant Professor of Childhood Education and Director of the Children's Building at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, where she has served on the faculty since 1960.

Conferences will begin at 9 a.m. and will conclude at 2:30 p.m. Those who attend will need to take their own sack lunches and the host churches will furnish drinks.

Please exert every effort to have children's workers in your church in attendance at one of these Child Development Conferences.

Revival Dates

Rolling Fork, 1st: February 13-18; services at 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Dr. Bob Ramsay, pastor at First, Brookhaven, evangelist; Jimmy Cutrell of Mississippi College, song leader; Rev. Reese Kyzar, pastor.

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Brookhaven, 1st	570	195
Bruce, 1st	218	
Clinton, Morrison Hgts.	302	116
Handshoro	251	83
Hattiesburg:		
Main Street	610	257
Main	601	252
Central	212	113
38th Avenue	169	106
Jackson:		
Robinson Street	241	136
Alta Woods	800	369
West Jackson	296	166
Crestwood	240	116
Broadmoor	1102	478
Highland	280	139
First	1148	293
McLaurin Heights	256	133
Lakeview Men	15	
Ridgecrest	645	226
Brickwood Drive	243	136
Hickory	434	213
Woodville Heights	199	103
Parkway	778	350
Calvary	1011	451
Mission	36	27
Van Winkle	438	195
Colonial Heights	351	156
Woodland Hills	582	187
Southside	281	139
Laurel:		
Seaside Avenue	375	127
Main	248	
Mission	127	
First	244	144
Highland	379	184
Glade	113	68
Magnolia St.	314	167
Lyon	100	22
Mountain Creek (Rankin)	56	33
Pearl	320	146
Pearson	164	75
Pocahontas	78	58
Starville, 1st	513	272

JANUARY 23, 1966		
Biloxi, Emmanuel	329	126
Columbus, 1st	613	155
Columbus, Fairview	308	194
Hattiesburg, 1st	583	221
Hattiesburg, University	153	84
Houston, 1st	330	141
Laurel:		
West Laurel	344	178
Plainway	183	111
Wildwood	301	115
Trinity	146	101
Magnolia St.	401	204
Long Beach, 1st	522	130
Main	494	196
Mission	2	2
Macon, 1st	203	73
Meadville, 1st	175	77
Meridian, 1st Avenue	540	246
Pascagoula, Eastlawn	304	174
Petal-Harvey	295	94
Main	270	
Memorial Drive Men	77	
Pontotoc, West Heights	169	87
Poplar Flat (Winston)	112	81
Quilman, 1st	337	96
Ripley, 1st	274	121
Ruth	48	28
Sardis (Cophah)	53	32
Sharon, 1st (Jones)	132	61
West Point, 1st	524	246

Ricks Institute Graduates Nine

Dr. William R. Tolbert, Jr., vice-president of Liberia and president of the Baptist World Alliance, presented diplomas to the nine young people who graduated in December from Ricks Institute, Baptist primary and secondary school near Monrovia, Liberia. The Ricks Institute staff includes three Southern Baptist missionaries, six missionary associates, and three missionary journeymen. T. Eugene Oody, missionary associate, is principal. Enrollment for 1965 was 416.

Colonial Hills Constituted

Colonial Hills Church was constituted Sunday, Jan. 16, at 3 p. m. This was the former Southaven Chapel, a mission of the Southaven Church, Rev. B. F. McIlwain, pastor.

The mission was begun on April 4, 1965, in a house, 6121 Southaven Circle West, in Southaven, purchased by the Desoto Baptist Association as a meeting place. Rev. Ervin Brown, Supt. of Missions, Desoto Assn., has served as Chapel Pastor.

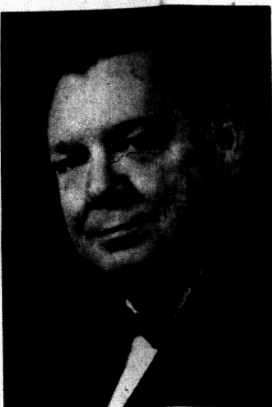
This is the twenty-first church in the Desoto Baptist Assn. (When the associational missions program began in 1957, there were only 14 Baptist churches in Desoto county.)

When this house became inadequate to meet the growing attendance, the Association purchased a mobile chapel, 24 by 56 feet, with a seating capacity of 180. For several months the Chapel has been using both the house and the mobile chapel for the educational and worship services.

The present membership of the new church is 114, with the average Sunday School attendance running over 130 per Sunday. Plans are being made to build the first unit of the missions program began in permanent buildings in the very near future on a church site purchased by the Association last year. This site is on the corner of Colonial Hills Drive and Cherry Valley Rd.

Dr. Ernest S. Owens, Jr., pastor of Cherokee Church, Memphis, brought the message of the evening, with Rev. B. F. McIlwain, pastor of the Southaven Church, leading the Prayer of Dedication.

The new church, from the very beginning of its existence as a chapel, has been giving 8% of total receipts to world missions through the Cooperative Program, and 2% to associational missions. They have already given more than \$1500 to world missions since their beginning on April 4. There have been 23 received into the fellowship by baptism.



Ben C. Scarborough

Begins Duties At 1st, Bruce

Rev. Ben C. Scarborough assumed duties as minister of music and education in First Church, Bruce, on January 1.

He was officially welcomed to Bruce on Sunday night, January 9. WMU ladies presented corsages to Mr. and Mrs. Scarborough and their daughter, Mary Ellen. Ruel Spratlin, chairman of deacons, and Rev. Kermit McGregor, pastor, made speeches of welcome. Following the service, a reception, accompanied by an "old-fashioned pounding," was given in Fellowship Hall.

For the past eight years, Mr. Scarborough has served as associate pastor of First Church, Kosciusko. Prior to that, he was minister of music and education in First Church, Waynesboro.

He is a graduate of Mercer University and Southwestern Seminary, and has done graduate work at Shorter College and Belmont College. He is past-president of Mississippi Baptist Religious Education Association. Last in 1960, the Scarborougs were chosen as Family of the Year in Kosciusko. They also hold the DAR Award of Merit for work with youth.

First Church, Bruce, continues to show progress. In 1964, baptisms, compared to the previous year, increased from 10 to 38; additions by letter last year increased from 17 to 71. The church now gives 27 per cent of all undesignated gifts through the Cooperative Program. The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering increased from \$750 in 1964 to \$2,168 in 1965.

The church voted recently to build a new home for the minister of music and education, and has purchased property for parking space and future building.

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THE BAPTIST RECORD 7

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON—

God Is Living Spirit

John 16:7-15; Acts 2:1-4; Romans 8:9-27; I John 4:13-21

By Clifton J. Allen

This lesson completes the unit of study on our beliefs about God. We consider now the Holy Spirit, the third person of the Trinity. Father, Son, and Spirit are one in essence and the same in nature, though in some sense three persons.

The Lesson Explained CHRIST'S PROMISE OF THE SPIRIT (John 16:7-11)

Much of Jesus' instruction to the disciples the night before the crucifixion pointed toward the coming of the Holy Spirit. Through the Spirit, the Father and Son would continue to be with them.

Jesus went on to explain the activity of the Spirit. He re-proves the world of sin—that is, shows men their sins; awakens their consciences; and convinces them of their guilt. The root of all sin is unbelief with respect to Christ. Next, the Holy Spirit convicts the world of righteousness. He shows persons the futility of self-righteousness and makes them aware of the need of righteousness such as God alone can give. This is the imputed righteousness which God offers to men through Christ and the moral goodness which the believer can achieve through the power of the Spirit in his life. Again, the Holy Spirit convicts the world of judgment. This means that he convinces persons of the reality of judgment, makes them aware of their accountability before God, and creates in their hearts a proper fear of standing condemned before God through unbelief.

THE COMING OF THE SPIRIT (Acts 2:1-4)

The promise of Jesus was fulfilled. The Holy Spirit did come on Pentecost. There was a threefold miraculous manifestation—a sound like a rushing wind, a tongue like as of fire, sitting upon each one in the room, and the power to speak in languages which were not native to them. This was not ecstatic, unintelligible praise but power to witness about Christ so that people of other languages could understand.

We learn something about the person and nature of the

Spirit. He is the vital breath of God, imparting life to men. He is purifying fire. He is the Spirit of truth, enabling men to speak the truth of God. He comes to every believer, abides in the heart of every believer, and is available to every believer in the same way. Pentecost was not the birth of the church. But it was a definite visitation of God in his Spirit to empower the church to carry forward all that Jesus "began both to do and to teach."

THE SPIRIT IN THE BELIEVER (Rom. 8:9-14)

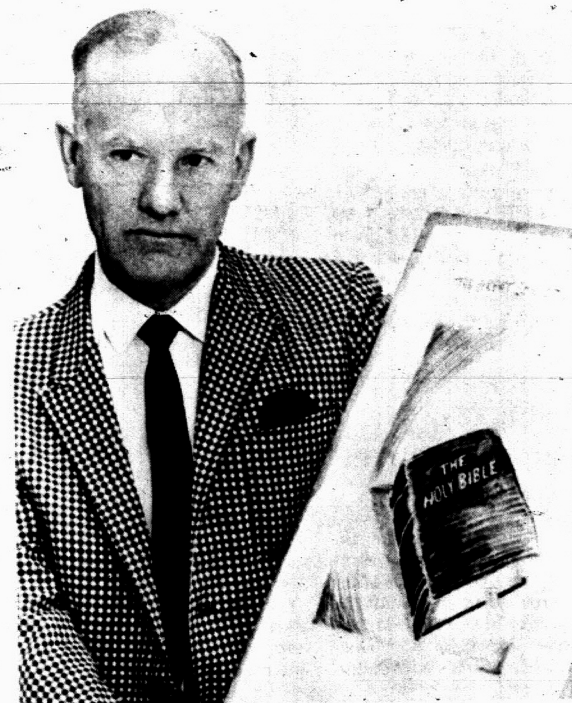
If the Spirit of God dwells in us, we are no longer "in the flesh." That is, we are not controlled by the flesh, not devoted to the satisfactions of the flesh. If one does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not a Christian. But if his conversion is real, he is actually indwelt by the Holy Spirit. The body must die because of sin, but there is assurance of a future bodily res-

urrection, guaranteed both by the resurrection of Christ and the fact of the indwelling Spirit in the believer now.

Truths to Live By

The Holy Spirit is the Christian's helper.—He helps us to understand the teaching of Christ so that our faith in Christ and our obedience to him should be strong and steadfast.

The communion of the Spirit is a blessed fellowship.—He is our ever-present Comforter and Counselor. He shares our burdens and griefs, our perplexities and disappointments, our aspirations and hopes. We can express to him the deepest longings of our hearts and the fiercest struggles of our souls. Our communion with the Spirit can mean peace and quiet in the midst of storm and confusion, strength in the midst of weakness, purity and beauty in the midst of immorality and ugliness, and life in the midst of death.



BIBLE WEEK CARTOON CONTEST WINNER— WICHITA FALLS, TEX. — Glenn Shelton, editorial cartoonist for the Wichita Falls (Tex.) Record News, displays his cartoon which won a nationwide contest sponsored by the interreligious Laymen's National Committee to mark the 25th anniversary of National Bible Week. His drawing calls attention to the Bible as "an age-old blueprint" for "the Great Society." Some 2,000 weekly and daily newspapers were invited to take part in the competition. (RNS Photo)

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DEVOTION—

Follow Jesus? Count The Cost!

By Leon Young, Supt. of Missions,
Lauderdale County Association



And as they were going along the road, someone said to Him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head." (Luke 9:57, 58 NASB)

It costs to follow Jesus. The cost is a self-denying devotion to Christ and His Kingdom. Earlier in this same chapter Jesus had said, "If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily—For whoever wishes to save his life shall lose it." (Vss 23,24) The cost of following Jesus involves the follower in sacrifice and it may involve him in persecution, suffering, pain, even death.

The man who came to Jesus volunteering to follow "wherever you go" was making a thoughtless and rash promise. His action was impulsive. He was not called to be a follower by Christ, nor was he urged by the disciples. He, of his own inclination, volunteered. It is obvious from Jesus' answer that this man had not counted the cost of discipleship and Jesus' answer tested the man's motives for wanting to be a follower. His answer also tests our motives for following Jesus.

The kingdom that Jesus came to establish was spiritual in nature, not material. Jesus' answer to this volunteer stated that He, the Son of Man, was homeless. The volunteer may have thought that to follow Jesus would mean material gain for himself. If this was his thought, Jesus wanted him to know that his kingdom was not a material one. Jesus was homeless. He knew the depths of poverty in a material sense, and well might any of his followers be expected to experience the same penniless state for Jesus sake. A true follower of Jesus turns himself and all that he has over to Christ to let him be Lord of life and possessions.

A pulpit committee interviewed two preachers as prospects for pastors for their church. Both men, the committee thought, had made great personal sacrifices to enter the ministry. One had left a fine position in industry, the other had sold a going business to free himself for the preaching of the gospel. Neither of these men could expect an income in the ministry equal to what they left in the business world, at the least not for years yet to come. The pulpit committee thought they had made a great personal sacrifice to enter the ministry but the testimony of both these men was that they had lost nothing by entering the ministry but had gained everything. Of such is the nature of the kingdom Jesus came to establish.

Jesus' answer to this volunteer also reveals to us the love that God had for all mankind as he sent his Son to be the Redeemer. The foxes have their dens, the birds their roosting places, but God's incarnate Son had no place to lay his head. God the Father made provision for the beasts of the field and the fowls of the air but His Son had none of these provisions. He, who was rich in Heaven, became poor materially that we, who are poverty stricken spiritually, might know the riches of Heaven.

"Out of the Ivory Palaces into a world of woe
Only his great eternal love, made my Saviour go."

If the establishment of the kingdom cost Jesus homelessness, if it cost him the provisions the Heavenly Father makes for the beasts of the fields and the birds of the air, should not the kingdom demand of us sacrifice? How much does following Jesus cost us? Have we counted the cost?

GRENADANS RESOLVE TO FIGHT LIQUOR

Grenada County Association Executive Committee has resolved:

"WHEREAS on both the state and local level we are faced with the continued problem of the traffic in alcoholic beverages which is inconsistent with Christian beliefs and

"WHEREAS the hypocritical "black market" tax on the sale of illegal alcohol beverages is an insult to the decency and dignity of the Christian people of the State of Mississippi, and

"WHEREAS the legislature now in session will be called upon by the liquor forces and others to pass some kind of legalizing legislation, and

"WHEREAS it is imperative that people on both local and statewide levels be alerted to the evils inherent upon a society afflicted with the flow of alcoholic beverages, whether legal or illegal; and that people be urged to immediate action to avoid a worsening and demand a betterment of the present situation;

"THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the executive committee of the Grenada County Baptist Association go on record as being inalterably opposed to the sale of alcoholic beverages, whether legally or illegally; that we favor repeal of the "black market" tax; that we oppose any legislation aimed at legalization; and that we favor and that we support any efforts to strengthen and enforce present liquor laws;

"AND BE IT RESOLVED that the Temperance Committee of the Grenada County Baptist Association be urged to begin and be supported in an immediate program to support and implement the above positions among the people and churches of Grenada County."

The American Baptist Convention with offices in Valley Forge, Pa., has announced program plans for its 59th annual convention in Kansas City, Mo., May 11-15.



R.E.W. LEADERS—Looking over a tentative program outline for Religious Emphasis Week at Mississippi College Feb. 7-11 are the three campus coordinators, Rev. Bradley Pope (center), director of religious activities on campus, is flanked by Johnny Weisz, Clinton, and Judy Smith, Aberdeen, general co-chairmen. Theme for the week will be "In Pursuit of Purpose." (M.C. photo)

Mississippi College To Observe Religious Emphasis Week Feb. 7-11

Program personalities for Mississippi College's Religious Emphasis Week have been announced by event co-chairmen, Judy Smith of Aberdeen and Johnny Weisz of Clinton.

Some of the state's top Baptist leaders, both lay and clerical, will be leading discussions and conducting seminars for the week of February 7-11.

Dr. John Claypool, pastor of Crescent Hill Church, Louisville, Ky., and the lone out-of-state speaker, will be the principal speaker during the week.

Heading up the musical program for the week will be Doug Scott, minister of music at First Church, Columbia.

Bush to Speak

Appearing on the program with these two will be Dr. Russell Bush, Columbia dentist and past-president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention; Dr. Owen Cooper, president of Mississippi Chemical

Corporation and past-president of the MBC; Miss Irene Arnold, Family Service Association; Dr. Jerry Breazeale, pastor of First Church, Raymond; Rev. G. C. Cox, pastor of Hillcrest Church, Jackson; Rev. Tom Fanning, chaplain of State Mental Hospital, Whitfield; Rev. Charles Gentry, pastor of Morrison Heights Church, Clinton; Mrs. W. B. Halliday, Jackson housewife; Frank Lambert, professional football player with the Pittsburgh Steelers; Dr. Russell McIntire, pastor of First Church, Clinton; Reuben Phillips, Mississippi lawyer and politician; Dr. George Purvis, orthopedic surgeon of Jackson; Ken Rainey, instructor in history at Mississippi College; Dr. W. W. Stevens, professor of Bible and New Testament Greek at Mississippi College; Rev. Johnny Lee Taylor, pastor of First Church, Canton; and Dr. J. VanLandingham, doctor of internal medicine in Jackson.

FBC, 'Byram, Tells Of Appreciation For Late Pastor

Shortly after Rev. Paul Cranford's recent death, caused by a heart attack, the members of First Church, Byram, where he was pastor, adopted the following resolution of appreciation.

"We, the members of First Church, Byram want to thank all the Cranford family for their efforts on our behalf. We realize we could never have made the giant steps forward except under the leadership of a man like our Beloved Brother Paul. Surely he was an exceptional man. Never a complaint about his load; yet he suffered greatly. He was always a cheerful Christian. With each handshake, his eyes told of God's love.

"We realize the late Rev. Paul Cranford packed a great deal of service into his short years. Certainly, we shall do our best with the labor of love he left behind.

"He surely fulfilled the Scriptures by serving instead of being served.

"Since God in His infinite love has seen fit to call our loved pastor from his earthly labors his works will follow him, and we, the members of First Baptist Church, Byram, Mississippi, will always remember the footsteps he left behind and his labors of love among us."

First, Clinton Gives Over \$5,000 To Lottie Moon

First Church, Clinton, Dr. Russell M. McIntire, pastor, has exceeded its goal of \$5,000 for the Lottie Moon Christmas offering. While gifts are still being received, the special offering for Foreign Missions now totals \$5,132.74.

An interest center at the front of the church dramatized the theme, "A Living Sacrifice." At the top of the poster, 20 lights were placed, and a light was turned on for each \$200 received.

D.C. Baptists Add Staffer

WASHINGTON (BP)—The District of Columbia Baptist Convention here has em-

CAREY NAMES FOCUS WEEK COMMITTEE

Committees have been appointed at William Carey College in preparation for the annual Religious Emphasis Week to be held February 7-11 with Dr. J. P. Allen of Fort Worth Texas as special guest speaker.

The steering committee is composed of the Student Government president, Mark Watson, the Baptist Student Union president, David Perry, the president of the college, Dr. J. Ralph Noonkester, and Sue Chaffin, Mary Eva Stallworth, Lonn E. Earnest, Dr. Don Stewart, Mrs. Marjorie Rowden, Dr. Joel Ray, Dr. B. F. Smith, and Mrs. Jewel Conniff.

Other committees now at work in preparation for the week are as follows: Morning meditation: Glenda Singley, Lelan Yang, and Nathan Barber; Music: Terry Bowers, Theresa McRee, Tommy Lane, Donald Winters and Ray Luper; Personal work: Larry Springfield, Roy McHenry, and Emogene Roebuck; Spiritual preparation: Waylen Bray, David DeBord, Sandra Castleberry, Nancy Strebeck, Susie Epperson, and Grant Barber; Forum: Larry Landrum, Troy Flowers, Elbert Daedrick, Mary J. McNealy, Marsha Cornan, and Betty Duncan; Publicity: Beth Peavy, Fred Bueto, Jim Ziegler, Barbara Jones, Miss Doris Schneider, and Mrs. May Bourdon; Arrangements: Eddie Avery, Martha Polk, Mrs. O. B. Loper, Jim McDill, Roddy Simmons, and John Tolson; Evaluation: Mr. Billy J. Martin, Gloria Wheeler, Mrs. Georgianne Holliman, Wilfred Pounds, and Betty Hendrix.

played John Jamison of Louisville, Ky., as a new associate in the convention's department of Baptist Student Union work.

Jamison, 27, is a native of North Carolina, and is pastor of Hillsdale Baptist Church in Louisville, Ky. He is a graduate of Vanderbilt University, Nashville, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.



SOUTH CAROLINA EDITOR RETIRES, SUCCESSOR NAMED: S. H. Jones (left), editor of the Baptist Courier in Greenville, S. C., for the past 18 years, has announced his retirement effective March 1. New editor of the Baptist state paper in South Carolina will be John Roberts (right), promoted from associate editor and business manager. Roberts is a former editor of Charity and Children, publication of the North Carolina Baptist Children's Homes. (BP Photo)

Churches In The News

Cloverdale Church, Natchez, Rev. Pat Lofton, pastor, recently ordained two men, Rev. Archie Ezell and Rev. Bryant Hazlip, to the fulltime gospel ministry. Rev. Pat Lofton delivered the ordination sermon. Other ministers taking part in the services were: Rev. Richard Pass, Rev. Loyce Lord, Rev. Mack Walker, Rev. J. B. Sebastian, Rev. Fred Robertson, and Rev. Russell Naron. Ezell has been called to Friendship Church, and Hazlip, sophomore at

Clarke College, has been called to New Zion Church near Forest.

Mont Rose Church, Quitman, ordained W. David Thompson, Thomas J. Riley, and O. Charles Moore as deacons on January 16. Rev. Donald Johnson, pastor of Union Church, gave the charge to the deacons; Rev. Jack Kinley, Rolling Creek pastor, gave the charge to the church; E. E. Fairchild led the ordination prayer. After the laying on of hands, the newly elected deacons were presented certificates by Thomas Dearman, chairman of deacons. Morris Griffin led the benediction. Rev. Ed F. Grayson is pastor.

Names In The News

Miss Annice Whitley, missionary journeyman in Jordan, has been selected for the 1966 edition of Outstanding Young Women of America, an annual biographical compilation (nominations for the book are submitted by women's clubs throughout the United States). Miss Whitley teaches English, Bible, and art in a Baptist girls' school in Ajloun, Jordan (her address: Baptist Hospital, Ajloun, Jordan). Falastin, an Arabic newspaper published in Jerusalem, Jordan, carried a story about her selection as an "outstanding woman of America." A Georgian, she was born in Carrollton, and lived in Cedartown while growing up.

Rev. W. L. Collins of Carrollton, Georgia will begin his service as pastor of Parkway Church, Pascagoula, on February 13.

Dr. J. K. Moore is acting as interim pastor of Jackson Avenue Church, Jackson County. He is professor at New Orleans Seminary.

W. B. Horton, president of Mississippi Delta Junior College at Moorhead, was featured speaker for Men's Day at North Greenwood Church, Dr. Charles A. Ray, pastor.

Rev. Bill Barton is serving as pastor of Fort Bayou Church, Jackson County. He is also superintendent of the Bluff Creek Home of Grace (for alcoholics).

Carlos Gruber, Southern Baptist evangelist, has moved to 623 Sarah Ann, Nacodoches, Texas. Mr. Gruber is widely known, both for his preaching and his music

evangelism. All who have heard him will remember how his violin is so effective, as he directs revival music, but he preaches in many meetings too. Mrs. Gruber teaches in Stephen F. Austin College.

Joe Jack Hurst, Jackson attorney, and member of First Church, Jackson, was guest speaker for Baptist Men's Day at First Church, Oxford, on January 23.

Van Cliburn, famous young pianist, has been elected as Shreveport's "Outstanding Young Man of the Year" for 1965. He is the son of Deacon and Mrs. H. E. Cliburn of First Baptist Church, Shreveport.

Dr. Jess Moody, nationally-known pastor of First Baptist Church, West Palm Beach, Fla., has been selected as the subject of a feature-length color motion picture, "The Jess Moody Story," to be produced by Gospel Films, Inc. of Muskegon, Michigan. The movie will be shown all over the United States and throughout the world, in as many as 112 countries and 25 languages. Bill Zeoli, president of Gospel Films, said, "Dr. Moody is without question one of America's most outstanding clergymen. His church in West Palm Beach is a challenge in spiritual impact and physical facilities to pastors across the United States. Dr. Moody's outreach has been phenomenal as an author, television personality, and speaker. His influence in directing young people toward the pastorate has been outstanding." The church at West Palm Beach is known for its Chapel by the Lake.

Rev. and Mrs. L. Parkes Marler, missionaries to Korea, were scheduled to arrive in the States January 22 for furlough. They may be addressed, General Delivery, Forest, Miss., 39074. They are natives of Harpersville, Miss. (she is the former Martha Ella Townsend). At the time of their missionary appointment in 1955 he was pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church, Forkville, Miss.

Dr. and Mrs. Raymond L. Kolb, missionaries who serve



REV. ALVA RAY MCCORKLE has accepted the pastorage of Fellowship Church, Chickasaw County, where he began his duties January 16. Married to the former Sandra Joice Morgan of Hattiesburg, he and his wife live at Houston. Mr. McCorkle is employed by Jackson Manufacturing Company of that city.

in Corrente, North Brazil, may now be addressed at Corrente, Piaui (Via Gibues, Piaui), Brazil. Mr. Kolb is a native of Blue Springs, Miss.; Mrs. Kolb, the former Martha Ann Cockran, is a native of Dublin, Ga. At the time of their missionary appointment in 1944 he was pastor of Fisherville (Ky.) Baptist Church.

Vernon Polk has accepted a call as minister of music and youth at First Church, Grenada, Rev. Bob Leavell, pastor. He will move there in early February from Biloxi, where he has been serving as minister of music at First Church.

Owen Cooper of Yazoo City was guest speaker for the Montgomery Association Brotherhood meeting on January 31 at First Church, Montgomery, Alabama.

Dr. Brooks Haynes, Chairman of the Department of Music at Blue Mountain College, has announced that the Alabama String Quartet will present a full evening's program on February 3, at 8 p. m. in Modena Lowrey Berry Auditorium. The Alabama String Quartet is composed of members of the music faculty of the University of Alabama.

Rev. John L. Cook, Jr., pastor of Southside Church, Columbus, recently observed his seventh anniversary as pastor

WILDWOOD TO DEDICATE SANCTUARY

Wildwood Church, Laurel, will dedicate their newly decorated auditorium on Sunday afternoon, February 6, at 2:30. Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, will be the featured speaker, according to an announcement by Rev. Jackie C. Hamilton, pastor.

Others on program will include Rev. Glen Williams, pastor at Glade, who will lead the invocation; Dan Hall, music secretary, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, who will bring the special music; Rev. Guy Reedy, president of the Jones County Baptist Pastors' Conference, who will lead the responsive reading, "Dedicating a Church,"; Mayor Henry Buckley, who will deliver greetings from the city of Laurel; Rev. John Foy, pastor at Parkhaven, who will lead the dedicatory prayer; and Rev. Clyde Little, pastor at Magnolia Street, who will pronounce the benediction.

19th Ave. Church Licenses Preacher On Men's Day

Jerry R. Donald, who recently surrendered to preach, was the main speaker for

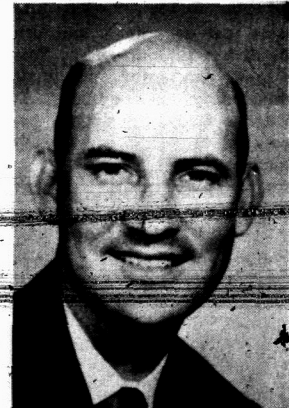


Men's Day at Nineteenth Avenue Church, Hattiesburg. At the close of the service, the church licensed him to the gospel ministry.

Also on program were testimonies by two other men: R. J. Walters spoke on "The Church's Appeal to Men," and J. E. Cameron spoke on "Man's Appeal to the Church." A Men's Chorus and Men's Quartet provided special music.

Rev. Wm. H. Henderson is pastor.

at Southside and has begun his eighth year.



Rev. G. T. Bryon

Woodville Heights Calls Pastor

Rev. G. T. Bryon has resigned at Calvary Church, Bogue Chitto, to accept the pastorage of Woodville Heights Church, Jackson.

A native of Mississippi, Mr. Bryon attended Mississippi College, received a B. S. degree from Bethel College, McKenzie, Tenn., and a B. D. degree from New Orleans Seminary.

Ordained at First Church, Oxford, he held student pastorates at Bolton Church and at Bird's Creek Church, Whitlock, Tenn. Also he worked for the Home Mission Board in California.

Mrs. Bryon is the former Martha Flo Boland. They have one son, David, age nine.

Revival Begins On Men's Day At Batesville

The Brotherhood of First Church, Batesville, observed Men's Day Sunday, Jan. 23, beginning the day with a breakfast at 7:30 with 104 men present, in spite of temperatures in the low 20's and ice and snow, states Rev. J. R. Davis, pastor.

Jan. 23 was also the beginning of revival services at First Church, Batesville, with Dr. Angel Martinez, evangelist, and Steve Taylor, Greenville, South Carolina, singer, leading. Large crowds were present for all services of the day, with 14 additions by profession of faith on the first day.

Fargo, N. D., School Board Votes Against Distributing Gideon Bibles In Schools

FARGO, N. D. (EP)—The Fargo School Board has voted 5 to 1 to deny the Fargo Camp of Gideons International permission to distribute Bibles in the city's public schools.

The action followed the presentation of a legal opinion from the board's attorney which stated that "if the dis-

tribution is carried out as proposed, the provisions of the state of North Dakota and of the United States will be violated."

Several persons in the audience, including three Lutheran pastors, spoke in favor of the Gideon's proposal, which would allow distribut-

ing New Testaments to fifth and sixth graders whose parents authorize them to receive them.

The opinion of the board's attorney said the distribution of Bibles in the public schools "would have the effect of preferring and establishing one religion over another in violation of law."